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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI,INFO BOMBAY, MADRAS
FROM CALCUTTA JUNE 10TH RPTD TO YOU:

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1. HALDIA DOCK HANDLED ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ON MAY 23, WHEN 17,500 TONS OF NON-COKING COAL WAS LOADED FOR WEST GERMANY. THIS SHIPMENT STOOK PLACE THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST SHIPSENTERED THE NEW DOCK (REFTEL A).

2. ASIDE FROM THE OIL JETTY WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION
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SINCE 1968, COAL HAS BEEN THE ONLY CARGO HANDLED BY HALDIA SINCE BEGINNING OF OPERATIONS IN FEBRUARY. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES SEVEN SHIPS HAVE CARRIED ABOUT 80,000 TONS OF COAL DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. HALDIA HAS TWO MECHANICAL BERTHS FOR BULK HANDLING OF COAL AND IRON ORE. AT PREEE T, MECHANICAL IRON ORE BERTH

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REMAINS UNUTILIZED ALTHOUGH MORE THAN 160,000 TONS OF IRON ORE HAVE BEEN STACKED IN THE BERTH. ACCORDING TO PORT OFFICIALS, JAPANESE, WHO ARE MAIN PURCHASERS OF INDIAN IRON ORE, HAVE NOT AGREED TO TERMS FOR LOADING AT HALDIA. ON THE OTHR HAND, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A READY MARKET FOR COAL, NO COAL HAS BEEN STACKED IN THE COAL BERTH DUE TO ERRATIC SUPPLY OF RAIL CARS. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COAL STOCKS AND MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH THLOADER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, RATE OF COAL LOADING HAS BEEN BELOW CAPACITY. ACTUAL AVERAGE RATE OF COAL LOADING IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 4,000 TONS PER DAY AGAINST THE TARGETTED RATE OF 2,000 TONS PER HOUR. DELAYS IN ARRIVAL OF RAILROAD WAGONS HAVE FORCED ONE COAL SHIP TO REMAIN IDLE INSIDE THE DOCK FORTHR DAYS, WHILE ANOTHER WAITD OUTSIDE THE LOCK GATE FOR SPACE AT THE COAL BERTH. PORT TRUST OFFICIALS DESCRIBE THESE DIFFICULTIES AE"TEETHING TROUBLES", AND CLAIM THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REMOVE THIS "TEMPORARY CONFUSION" SOON AND ACHIEVE QUICK TURN-AROUND OF SHIPS.

4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF NILHAT SHIPPING COMPANY WHICH USED THE COAL BERTH OF HALDIA DOCK IN MAY 1977 FOR ITS TRAMP SHIP "CHRISMA N" TOLD US THAT DESPITE PROBLEMS, NILHAT WAS NOT DISAPPOINTDOR FRUSTRATED BY RECENT EXPERIENCES, AND CONSIDERED THAT DIFFICULTIS WERE UNAVOIDABLE IN A NEW PORT. COMPANY HAS WON CONTRACT FROM GOI-OWNED MINERALS AND METALS TRADNG CORPORATION (MMTC) FOR A VOYAGE CHARTER TO CARRY NON-COKING COAL FROM HALDIA AND PARADIP PORTS TO WEST GERMANY. CHARISMA N WAE DETAINED AT HALDIA FOR MORE THAN FIVEDAYS AND STILL WAS UNABLE TO LOADCOAL THERE FOR THE
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ENTIRE EXPORTVOLUME OF 23,000 TONS BECAUSE THEAVAILABLE 30 FEET DRAFT OF WATER INSIDE THE DOCK WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH LOAD. THE SHIP LOADED ADDITIONAL 5,500 TONS OF COAL AT PARADIP NORT. PORT TRUSAIM NNBZL NTEGPECT THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST A YEARSEFORE 40 FOOT DRITEA JT LE DREDGED.

5. CONSTRUCTION OF THE FERTILIZER BERTH, FINGER JETTY WITH ITS SIDA JHROCK PHOSPHATE BERTH, GENERAL CARGO AND CONTAINER BERTH ARE LEHIND SCHEDULE. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION BY 1978. TOTAL COST IS NOW ESTIMATED AT RS.1.4 BILLION GAGAINST THE ORIGINAL EAU NTOF RS.0.4 BILLION IN 1967. KORN
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